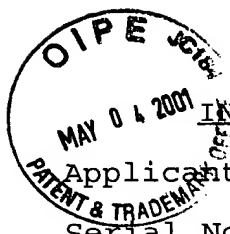


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to the initial examination of the above-identified application, Applicant respectfully requests that the application be amended as follows.

IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Please amend the Abstract by rewriting same to read as follows:

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-- Apparatus nominally used for recording includes a reproduction section to play digital data from a recording medium recorded with that digital data and retrieval information, a recording section to write the digital data